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ALMA

Apr. 5. Fr. Werts attended the Western Division, Catholic Educational Convention, at San Rafael.

During Holy Week and Easter, 45 Fathers were out on supply. Tre Ore's were given by Frs. Budde, Casey, Hagemann, Jn. Healy, O'Neill, Sheerin, Coleman, Eckstein and Menard.

The choir under the direction of Mr. J. P. Martin, sang at Moffatt Field at 9:30 Easter; and at General Dibble's Hospital in Menlo Park at 11:00. Lieut. Marcel Berthon, O.S.B., chaplain, was dinner host to the choir in the Officers-Club.

"I Covered the Resurrection," a fantasy by Lee Teufel, S.J., was presented as a radio play in the Gold Room during Easter Vacation. Mr. Finnegan directed.

The housekeeper where Fr. Tom O'Rourke supplied for Easter, was talking to him during his breakfast. She declared that she had not been feeling well, and fell to the floor, dead.

The new chapel in the Theologians' Building was opened on the feast of Our Lady, Queen of the Society. Fr. Malone, first Rector of Alma, said the first Mass.

May 28 marks the first anniversary of Alma's Canisius Correspondence Courses. Christian Doctrine material has been sent to 357 prospective students. To date, 43 have been "graduated"; 30 of these were non-Catholics, and 21 were baptized. Marriages have been validated; lapsed Catholics have been brought back. New members of the staff include: Mr. Sudmeier, Asst. Mgr., Mr. Walsh, Recording Sec., Mr. G. Toner, Corresp. Sec.

Mr. Carney's "Moral I.Q." tests, published in "Queen's Work," have been edited in mimeograph form. To date, 170 regular subscribers, nuns, priests and brothers, receive it for use in study clubs and schools. Twelve sets have been completed, covering the Sacraments.

EL RETIRO

One of the ships launched at Rich-

mond was blessed by Fr. Rice.

Fr. John Collins has come to El Retiro to replace Fr. Lynch who will soon be a navy chaplain.

Fr. Stack was the principal speaker at the Communion Breakfast of the San Mateo Council, K. of C.

A recent group of retreatants from San Jose included the President of the Board of Education, the Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, the Dean of Men at the State College, and several other non-Catholics.

At a retreat given by Fr. Lynch at Notre Dame, Belmont, there were 20 Catholic Servicewomen, Wacs, Marines and Spars.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Since the departure of 250 soldier students on March 18, the campus has seemed a bit deserted. Fr. Coffey has made use of the occasion to repair and paint the buildings. Not a few of the soldiers during their brief leaves from rigorous training at Camp Hunter Liggett, have paid visits to the school. Fr. Connolly has been selected as labor arbitrator by the company and the men at the North American plant. Twice a week he judges disputes between labor and management at the big aircraft concern.

After pinch-hitting for Mr. Huesman ill with pneumonia, Mr. Shaules has returned from the High School.

The University Service Flag now displays 18 gold stars. Six Loyolans are still missing in action.

Col. William Scully, former Loyolan, is chief judge advocate of the army and air force of General Eisenhower in England.

Two of the civilian students, Charles Johnson and Howard Cremin, gave well-received lectures on Catholic Literature at St. Agnes High School and Immaculate Heart College.

The community was presented with a large grand piano by Mr. Skouras, president of the Fox West Coast Studios.

The beds and bedding of the Army

School have been removed and given to the Navy. The books have also been taken away. The University has put in an application to purchase such of the kitchen equipment that the Army furnished.

LOYOLA HIGH

Fr. Franchi, still a bit shaky, has returned from the hospital.

Fr. N. J. Maruca is at Twentynine Palms, Calif. (Box 288).

Apr. 20. Fr. Flynn addressed the Gold Cross Mothers.

The Henry Welch Guild raffle netted \$4000 for the school.

Fr. Albert O'Hara continues his fine work as adviser for the "Keys of the Kingdom."

"You Can't Take It With You" was staged in April by the High School.

LOS GATOS

Mar. 23. Fr. Assistant and his Socius, Fr. Reiser, arrived.

Mar. 25. Br. Bernard Schenk pronounced his first vows.

Mar. 27. T. Snowden Bird entered from St. Ignatius High.

Apr. 5. Fr. William Deeney joined the community.

Fr. Rector attended the National Catholic Educ. Assn. Convention, at Atlantic City.

On Good Friday, Fr. Pena visited the workmen at Los Gatos. At first he chatted with them and made them laugh. Next he talked about the Ten Commandments and indirectly examined their consciences. Then followed an hour and a half of confessions. Two Juniors, Brs. Fernandez and Lopez, rounded up the men and kept them at the confession point. With one only did they fail.

On Easter Sunday, Fr. Charles Walsh said Mass for the Mexicans and preached in Spanish.

Apr. 20. Rector's Day. After the ball games, the real big event was a presentation of Henry IV by the Juniors, under the direction of Fr. Brusher. The performance was excellent; Prince Hal and Falstaff deserve very high praise.

Fr. Kelleher, the new Socius, came early from tertianship to relieve Fr. Collins, and arrived in San Francisco with a temperature of 102 and had to go to the hospital. With reservations so hard to get, he left Seattle even though he was not well. He arrived in Los Gatos on Apr. 24.

SAN DIEGO

The Church of Christ the King has

been enlarged to seat fifty more, but the Easter crowds were seated on the lawn and beyond.

Fr. Madigan's organist, Jimmie Picco, has been blind from birth. At evening devotions he plays in the dark. The Pastor saves on electricity.

His latest convert is a wheel-chair cripple. She belonged to the Pentecostal Church, and knows her Bible very well. She had to act against a goodly opposition from the last church she attended. What led her to think was the action of a previous church, the downtown Pentecostal Church. The ushers had to carry her up several flights of stairs to the "Upper Chambers," and this attracted attention. The Lady Minister asked a favor of the cripple: "We advertise that we heal, and this is the third time you have been carried out in the same condition you were brought in—it's hurting business." The cripple is a Catholic now, and a generous contributor.

SAN FRANCISCO

Provincial Visitation: April 12-26.

During the meeting of the Western Division of the C.E.A., rooms at U.S.F. were at a premium, and 15 Scholastics were housed in the Army barracks.

Fr. Cody has published two more books, one of verse, "Hill Country and Other Poems"; the other of prose, "This Tragic Hour." The poems are mostly reprints from various magazines. The prose consists of six sermons preached in St. Ignatius, and of a novena given in the Mexican Carmelite Chapel.

Apr. 19. Fr. John O'Neill had to return to St. Mary's Hospital, after only three days at home.

Fr. Preston has devised a simple but accurate "Average Ruler" for determining the average of a student's marks in terms of A—, B—, C, D, etc., for the month, the semester, the year. The answer for any combination is obtained in a few seconds.

Fr. Paul O'Brien gave the novena in honor of St. Joseph.

While the kitchen was undergoing repairs the community took their meals in the Army mess hall.

Word has been received of the death of two more former students. Four others are missing in action.

There are 87 registered in the day college. The total enrollment is about 200.

Apr. 8. Fr. Rossi returned to San Francisco from his trip to South America. He is working on his Portuguese Grammar.

Frs. James King and Harney attended

the Cath. Educ. Conv. in Atlantic City.

BELLARMINE PREP

June 1-2. The "Milky Way" will be produced at the Civic Auditorium Theatre. Mr. Newport is director.

Santa Clara is represented on the faculty: Mr. Clifford teaches two periods of Freshman Latin; Mr. Moore, two periods of Geometry; Fr. Leahy, one class of Latin.

Apr. 15. Mr. John Geary was hurried to the hospital.

Fr. Schneider is directing alterations in the faculty house to provide more room for the procurator's office.

The Scholastics assisted at St. Joseph's Tenebrae Services.

SANTA BARBARA

In Holy Week Fr. Sheerin conducted a triduum for the parish Chi-Rho Chapter of Public Junior-Senior High Students.

On Holy Thursday the Eighth Grade sang the Missa de Angelis, propria and all. The class entered the church in procession singing: Laudate pueri Dominum. The boys wore cassocks and surplices; and the girls, white academic gowns and veils. It was a beautiful Mass and Procession.

Fr. Brolan conducted a solemn Holy Hour to begin the Nocturnal Adoration of Holy Thursday.

Fr. Vaughan preached the Tre Ore. The special guest-volunteer organist, Madame Boulanger, was onetime organist of the Madeleine, Paris. She is of international fame. The program was pre-thirteenth century Gregorian. The parishioners were delighted and convinced that Gregorian is the "music that prays." The church was packed.

In Easter Week, Fr. Acquistapace gave the eighth-graders a triduum.

The city is agog over purchasing a "Youth Center" for recreation, etc. We are earnestly maintaining that "The HOME is THE Youth Center," and that the new Center will not be a menace, neither will it be a solution.

In the recent Apologetics Contest in L.A., two 3rd high students won two second places.

Fr. Acquistapace is succeeding remarkably well in having our high school students make spiritual reading.

The proceeds of the May "Parish Festival" will be used for extensive alterations of the Parish "Center."

SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara Visitation: March 29-April 8.

Apr. 26. The traditional pilgrimage in honor of St. Joseph was held, with talks by Fr. Rector and the student body president, and with hymns by the choir.

A bust of Thomas C. Van Ness, alumnus of the class of '64, has been presented to the University by his daughter, Mrs. Cornelia Roosevelt Taylor.

May 7. V.R. Fr. Assistant will speak at the Alumni Homecoming Luncheon to be held on the campus.

Mr. Clifford has been loaned to Bellarmine to teach a couple of periods of Latin each morning, and Mr. Moore has taken on more classes.

Fr. Reiser has been living at Santa Clara for the past few weeks.

A limited number of partial scholarships is available for the fall term which opens Aug. 17. The average record of third-high-graduates admitted last year has been consistently good, so the policy will continue for another year.

Br. Rice is now acting infirmarian.

Messrs. Huesman and Plushkell, after convalescing for some weeks at Santa Clara, have returned to Loyola High to begin work again.

Father Robidoux is in the infirmary.

Frs. Minister and O'Connell help each week with the confessions at Shoemaker Field.

Santa Clara has 60 civilian students.

The University is planning night courses for adult education. The work will be in part ISO instruction, and will be open to both men and women.

CHAPLAINS

Fr. Giambastiani gave a 6-day retreat to continental troops, at the request of the Post Chaplain. Four times as many men attended as was expected, about one-third of the Catholics, and all the Catholics seem to have gone to confession and Holy Communion. His Spanish Mission however was a keen disappointment, five men came each night. He is a Captain now.

Fr. Stretch had 35 or 40 at daily Mass, with about 20 Communions. He was due for a new address.

Fr. Kavanagh has Jim Barlow of Santa Clara with him.

Fr. Bradstreet, now a captain, quotes Canon Pozzi as saying that a bomb hit the shrine of St. Winifred's Well, England. The bomb shot off the head of St. Ignatius, and left the statue of the Cure d'Ars intact. The Canon maintains that this vindicates the secular clergy.

Fr. Bradstreet had a busy voyage.

He was the only Catholic Chaplain. He said Mass twice on weekdays, and three times on Sundays for great crowds of soldiers.

Fr. Carr finds his men most anxious to go to confession. The days are not long enough for him to hear all who come. He has heard confessions while leaning against ammunition boxes, seated on depth bombs, in the wheel house, down in the hold, up in the crow's nest. All are not coming to him, he is going after some that are hiding from him. They are indescribably happy when their return to the sacrament has been finally realized.

Fr. Sullivan says no one needs to be a "plug," even though he has to "plug" along. The chaplain is what he makes himself.

Fr. O'Mara, when giving a mission to the soldiers, left the pulpit at the end of the sermon and met his brother, Jack, whom he had been seeking for weeks.

Fr. O'Mara's mission consisted of evening Mass, with an instruction before, and a sermon after Mass. He gave three big missions all alone, though he had expected to be just a helper. The men were supplied with missals, and a priest led the men, or explained parts of the Mass. On the last night there was a general Communion and a renewal of baptism vows. During the renewal, the soldiers held lighted candles. It was all most impressive and consoling.

Fr. Copeland has seen plenty of action at a beach-head. He has since been transferred to a sector not so far from Fr. McGrorey. Fr. McGrorey writes that they missed each other, the day Fr. Copeland passed through.

Fr. Deasy has been transferred to San Diego.

Chaplain Figures, April 8

	Com.	Applic.	Auxil.
S. J.	187	43	68
C. SS. R.	124	4	48
O. F. M.	110	6	39
New York dioc.	118	4	38
Chicago	90	11
L. A.	28	25
S. F.	25	3
Portland, Ore.	6	1	4
Total Navy	669	45	
Total Auxil.			1206
Total 1943 baptisms			16,020
1944 baptisms to date			5,100

VARIA

The funeral Mass for Msgr. Dunne, uncle of Fr. Geo. Dunne, was celebrated in Chicago by Bishop Shiels in the pre-

sence of Archbishop Stritch, who preached the sermon. Fr. Dunne was subdeacon, his cousin was deacon. Former assistants of the parish were officials at the Mass. Archbishop Kelly of Milwaukee and 15 Monsignori were in the sanctuary. In the body of the church were 248 priests and many Nuns. The church was jammed, many could not get in. Bishop Shiels said the prayers at the grave.

Mr. Norman Martin is in Bogota. Fr. Giambastiani has hopes of visiting him, and maybe making his retreat in Bogota.

Fr. Nagle gave some four or five soldier retreats in different camps during Lent. The response was encouraging, and the report on his work was excellent.

Community Retreats

Theologians, Fr. Geoghan.
Juniors, Fr. Wm. Dunne.
Scholastics, Fr. McCann.
Brothers, Fr. Hagemann.

Tre Ore

Fr. N. Bacigalupi, Santa Rosa.
Fr. Budde, Marysville.
Fr. Butler, St. Finn Barr's, S. F.
Fr. Casey, Concord.
Fr. Conway, Transfiguration, L. A.
Fr. Fennell, San Rafael.
Fr. G. Flynn, Christ the King, L. A.
Fr. Guenther, S. F. Hospital.
Fr. Hagemann, Los Gatos.
Fr. Hauck, St. Augustine's, Oakland.
Fr. James Healy, Santa Rosa.
Fr. Kilp, St. Anthony's, Oakland.
Fr. Largan, Petaluma.
Fr. Lyons, St. Marg. Mary, Oakland.
Fr. Madden, San Pedro.
V.R. Fr. Maher, St. Ignatius, S. F.
Fr. Menard, St. Mary's, San Jose.
Fr. J. McGloin, South San Fran.
Fr. B. O'Neil, St. Brigid's, S. F.
Fr. C. O'Sullivan, Holy Name, S. F.
Fr. Roomey, Epiphany, S. F.
Fr. St. Sure, St. Clement's, S. F.
Fr. Sugrue, San Mateo.
Fr. Erw. Toner, St. Teresa's, S. F.
Fr. Eng. Toner, St. Patrick's, S. J.
Fr. Vaughan, Santa Barbara.
Fr. Whelan, Oxnard.
Fr. White, Hollister.

DEATHS

Apr. 12, V.R. Alessio Magni, V.G., Rome
Two Masses are to be offered for him.

Dr. Walter Coffey, uncle and quasi-father of Fr. Coffey.
Fr. Albert Casey's father.
Mr. Stumpf's brother.
Fr. Scannell's mother.